Duplicate books

†2688. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the fact that duplicate books are being sold on a large scale and edition of duplicate books are also circulated in the market within few days of releasing of the original edition;

(b) whether Government have formulated any concrete plan to stop sale of the duplicate books; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) No, Sir. No formal complaints addressed to the Union Ministry of HRD have been received in this regard.

However, whenever such incidents come to the notice of the Ministry through indirect or secondary sources, warranting action on the part of the Government, the Government takes preventive or corrective action, as required.

(b) and (c) There are adequate provisions in the Copyright Act, 1957, providing for civil and criminal remedies against such violations.

However, it is for the affected rightholders to move the machinery for appropriate relief.

MP's discretionary quota for admission in Kendriya Vidyalayas

2689. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to increase discretionary quota of Member of Parliament for admission to Kendriya Vidyalayas from present number of two;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The existing quota is considered to be adequate.

Nutritive diet under ICDS

2690. SHRI C.RAMACHANDRAIAH:
SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Corn Soya Blend (CSB), which is a high nutritive diet for children, being supplied under ICDS scheme has recently been discontinued;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the decision is being reviewed; and

(d) if so, details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Genetic Engineering Approval Committee (GEAC) set up by the Ministry of Environment and Forests under the provisions of "Manufacture, Use, Import, Export and Storage of hazardous micro-organisms/Genetically Engineered Organisms or Cells, 1989" under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 in its 33rd meeting held on 5.7.2002, decided not to accord clearance for import of Corn Soya Blend (CSB), as there was no certification from the US regulatory agency to the effect that the CSB shipment does not contain any banned or obsolete variety of transgenic corn.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.